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1. According to instructions issued 28 April 1955 by the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry to DEZ Chemie, the latter is to make available to East German agriculture a total of 75,726 tons of potash (K_2O) by 20 May 1955.
2. This constitutes an increase of 30,000 tons of potash over the approved 1955 plan.
3. The additional 30,000 tons are to be obtained by DEZ Chemie in the following manner:
 - a. 17,000 tons are to be deducted from the quantities scheduled for export;
 - b. 3,000 tons are to be obtained by DEZ Chemie from surplus production; and
 - c. 10,000 tons are to be taken by DEZ Chemie from government reserve stocks.
4. In spite of these specific instructions by the Ministry for Heavy Industry, reliable reports are to the effect that government reserve stocks amount to only 1,000 and not 10,000 tons of potash. DEZ Chemie will therefore reduce its export quota of potash by an additional 9,000 tons, making a total reduction of 26,000 tons of potash originally planned for export in 1955.

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